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### House Appropriations Request FY 2010

**Project Name:** Green Square Project - NC Museum of Natural Sciences, Raleigh, NC

**Recipient:** Friends of the NC Museum of Natural Sciences

**Recipient Address:** 11 West Jones Street

**Recipient City:** Raleigh

**Recipient State:** NC

**Recipient Zip:** 27601

**Amount of Request:** \$500,000

**Explanation of the request (must include purpose and why it is a valuable use of taxpayer funds):**

The Green Square is part of the new Nature Research Center (NRC) at the NC Museum of Natural Sciences. The NRC is expected to attract an additional 200,000 Museum visitors. Approximately 65% of these visitors will be children visiting with school groups or their family. Due to an increase in pedestrian traffic in this area, Friends of the Museum is requesting funds to support a continuum of pedestrian safety features that will also promote the revitalization of downtown Raleigh. Sidewalks around Green Square will have extra-wide curbing and will be handicapped-accessible at crossing points with appropriate traffic signage, bollards and speed bumps will be placed to calm oncoming traffic, and energy-efficient LED lighting will be installed throughout the plaza. With increased visibility, the Project will attract both tourists and residents to downtown, contributing to the local hotel and restaurant industry as well as to the number of pedestrians walking the streets of Raleigh. It is expected that Green Square will contribute an estimated \$71,599,920 to the local economy during the construction phase, an additional \$4,261,200 annually after construction, and create nearly 4,000 jobs during construction with another 100 new jobs created once the Project is complete.

*In order to offer more opportunity for public scrutiny, I have posted information on each project request submitted to the Appropriations Committee at the time the request was made.*

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